

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest; picking sides to serve a personal corporate agenda is not serving the public interest. In these times, particularly, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities talking about what is happening in our backyards. Public airways should not be the venue of the rich, but rather serve the interests of the the constituents, the voters.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.